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FOOD DEPARTMENT(C).

NOTE FOR CIRCULATION.

Sub: Food situation - Madras Province - Report for the first fortnight of May - Review -
Ref: From the Board of Rev.(C.S.)Ref.No.E.72550/48 dated 28-5-48.

TO A.S.

The report on the food situation in the Province for the first fortnight of May may be perused at pp.3-8 c.f. and the enclosures thereto at pp-11-16 c.f.

WEATHER CONDITIONS AND CROP PROSPECTS:- The rainfall during the fortnight was heavy in the districts of Salem, Malabar and Nilgiris, fair to moderate in the districts of Vizagapatam, East Godavari, Guntur, Anantapur, Bellary Cuddapah, Kurnool, South Arcot, Chittoor, North Arcot, Tiruchirapalli, Tanjore, Madura and Ramnad and light or nil in the other districts of the Province.

Agricultural operations were held up for want of rains in the districts of North Arcot and Tirunelveli.

Water supply was inadequate in parts of the districts of East Godavari, West Godavari, Kistna, Bellary, Anantapur, Cuddaph, Chingleput, Chittoor, North Arcot, Salem, Coimbatore, Madura, Ramnad, Tirunelveli and South Kanara.

Sowing or transplantation of paddy was proceeding in the West Godavari district and of paddy and ragi in the Niligirs district. Dalwa paddy failed in extensive areas in one taluk of the west Godavari district. Standing crops were also affected in one taluk of the East Godavari district. The condition of the standing crops was generally fair in the other districts of the Province.

Harvest of paddy was proceeding in parts of the East Godavari and Cuddapah Districts or ragi in the Cuddapah district and of Cholam in the Tirunelvelli district. The outturn of paddy and ragi was generally fair and that of cholam was below normal.

STOCK AND SUPPLY POSITION

The stock position of foodgrains in the Province was as follows on 15-5-48 when compared with the stock position on 8-5-48.

FOOD-GRAINS-	on 8-5-48.	On 15-5-1948.
Rice	389809	393183
Wheat, Wheat products	9632	14142
Maize	79575	72488
Other grains	23128	22015

RICE:- The stock position in all the districts is satisfactory at present.

Against the May allotment of 22,937 tons of overseas rice, so far, only 17,660 tons have been received.

The following quantities were received during the forntnight:

From Orissa:	9,145 tons.
From Eastern States:	542 "
From Pakistan	6,175 tons.
	15,862 tons.

MILLETS (INCLUDING MAIZE)

The general supply position of millets in the Province is

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is satisfactory.

With the receipt of 80 tons of overseas maize during the fortnight, the total receipts of maize in the Province during 1948 amount to 1,19,962 tons.

37 tons of Argentine Millets have been despatched to Madura from C.P. This brings the total receipts to 306 tons against a quota of 447 tons.

Wheat and Wheat Products:- During the fortnight 11,100 tons of wheat were received in the Province. So far as the total receipts for the second quarter amount to 16,550 tons.

PROGRESS OF PROCUREMENT. During the second fortnight of April, 38,499 tons of rice and 1,996 tons of millets (comprising 35,434 tons of rice and 1,195 tons of millets under the intensive procurement scheme and 3,065 tons of rice and 801 tons of millets under the levy scheme) were produred in the province as against 41,916 tons of rice and 1,331 tons of millets procured in previous fortnight. The figures for rice show a decrease of 3,417 tons which was due to a fall in procurement in the districts of West Godavari, Guntur, Tanjore, Malabar, Madura, Ramnad, Salem, Tirunelvely and South Kanara. The figures for millets, however, mark an increase of 665 tons. The Collectors have been instructed to devote greater attention to procurement work and show better results in the coming fortnights. They have been asked to resort to compulsory procurement where necessary. The Collectors of surplus districts have been specially instructed to launch prosecutions in a few bad cases against producers who evade delivery of their surpluses or refuse to sell them at the notified village-site prices.

A note on the fluctuation of prices of the several foodgrains at the various centres and statements showing the prices of foodgrains, firewood, salt, oils, oilseeds, etc. at important centres at at pp.6-8 c.f. and pp.11-16 c.f.

The case may be circulated to H.M.(Food), H.M.(P.W.) and H.E.

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P.S.G. H.E. has seen, thanks.

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To A.S.

The case may now be sent to the Dir.(I & P) for perusal and return.

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Seen. Thanks.

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TO A.S.

The papers may now be recorded.

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